

## Statute - UT

Utah Code § 63G-6a-2105. Cooperative procurements--Contracts with federal government--Regional solicitations.

(1) The chief procurement officer may, in accordance with the requirements of this chapter, enter into a cooperative procurement, and a contract that is awarded as a result of a cooperative procurement, with:

- (a) another state;
- (b) a cooperative purchasing organization; or
- (c) a public entity inside or outside the state.

(2) A public entity, nonprofit organization, or, as permitted under federal law, an agency of the federal government, may obtain a procurement item from a state cooperative contract or a contract awarded by the chief procurement officer under Subsection (1), without signing a participating addendum if the solicitation issued by the chief procurement officer to obtain the contract includes a statement indicating that the resulting contract will be issued for the benefit of public entities and, as applicable, nonprofit organizations and agencies of the federal government.

(3) Except as provided in Section 63G-6a-506, or as otherwise provided in this chapter, an executive branch procurement unit may not obtain a procurement item from a source other than a state cooperative contract or a contract awarded by the chief procurement officer under Subsection (1), if the procurement item is available under a state cooperative contract or a contract awarded by the chief procurement officer under Subsection (1).

(4) A Utah procurement unit may:

(a) contract with the federal government without going through a standard procurement process or an exception to a standard procurement process, described in Part 8, Exceptions to Procurement Requirements, if the procurement item obtained under the contract is provided:

- (i) directly by the federal government and not by a person contracting with the federal government; or
- (ii) by a person under contract with the federal government that obtained the contract in a manner that substantially complies with the provisions of this chapter;

(b) participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative procurement with another Utah procurement unit or another public entity in Utah, if:

- (i) each party unit involved in the cooperative procurement enters into an agreement describing the rights and duties of each party;
- (ii) the procurement is conducted, and the contract awarded, in accordance with the requirements of this chapter;
- (iii) the solicitation:

(A) clearly indicates that the procurement is a cooperative procurement; and

(B) identifies each party that may purchase under the resulting contract; and

(iv) each party involved in the cooperative procurement signs a participating addendum describing its rights and obligations in relation to the resulting contract; or

(c) purchase under, or otherwise participate in, an agreement or contract of a cooperative purchasing organization, if:

(i) each party involved in the cooperative procurement enters into an agreement describing the rights and duties of each party;

(ii) the procurement was conducted in accordance with the requirements of this chapter;

(iii) the solicitation:

(A) clearly indicates that the procurement is a cooperative procurement; and

(B) identifies each party that may purchase under the resulting contract; and

(iv) each party involved in the cooperative procurement signs a participating addendum describing its rights and obligations in relation to the resulting contract.

(5) A procurement unit may not obtain a procurement item under a contract that results from a cooperative procurement described in Subsection (4), unless the procurement unit:

(a) is identified under Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B) or (4)(c)(iii)(B); and

(b) signs a participating addendum to the contract as required by this section.

(6) A procurement unit, other than a legislative procurement unit or a judicial procurement unit, may not obtain a procurement item under a contract held by the United States General Services Administration, unless, based upon documentation provided by the procurement unit, the Director of the State Division of Purchasing and General Services determines in writing that the United States General Services Administration procured the contract in a manner that substantially complies with the provisions of this chapter.

(7) (a) As used in this Subsection (7), "regional solicitation" means a solicitation issued by the chief procurement officer for the procurement of a procurement item within a specified geographical region of the state.

(b) In addition to any other duty or authority under this section, the chief procurement officer shall:

(i) after considering board recommendations, develop a plan for issuing regional solicitations; and

(ii) after developing a plan, issue regional solicitations for procurement items in accordance with the plan and this chapter.

(c) A plan under Subsection (7)(b) shall:

(i) define the proposed regional boundaries for regional solicitations;

(ii) specify the types of procurement items for which a regional solicitation may be issued; and

(iii) identify the regional solicitations that the chief procurement officer plans to issue.

(d) A regional solicitation shall require that a person responding to the solicitation offer similar warranties and submit to similar obligations as are standard under other state cooperative contracts.

(e) Except as authorized by the chief procurement officer, a procurement item that is available under a state cooperative contract may not be provided under a contract pursuant to a regional solicitation until after the expiration of the state cooperative contract.

#### **Local Governments:**

Utah Code § 11-13-201. Joint exercise of power, privilege, or authority by public agencies.

(1)(a) Any power, privilege, or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a Utah public agency may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other Utah public agency having the same power, privilege, or authority, in a manner consistent with the provisions of this chapter, and jointly with any out-of-state public agency to the extent that the laws governing the out-of-state public agency permit such joint exercise or enjoyment.

(b) Any agency of the state government when acting jointly with any public agency may exercise and enjoy all of the powers, privileges, and authority conferred by this chapter upon a public agency.

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Sourcewell follows the competitive contracting law process to solicit, evaluate and award cooperative purchasing contracts for goods and services. Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contracts are made available through the joint exercise of powers law to member agencies. Minn. Stat. § 471.59 (2017). Membership in Sourcewell is available for all eligible state and local governments, education, higher education and nonprofit entities across North America. § 123A.21 at Subd. 3.

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